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19 December 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Progress Report on the Optical Subcontract for the High Precision Stereo Comparator, NPIC Project #11038

1. [ ] Project Manager, and [ ] representing our interests, visited [ ] during the week of 9 December 1968 to monitor the optical subcontract.

2. In a telephone conversation with [ ] on 18 December 1968, [ ] passed on the following information: [ ] met on the morning of 9 December with [ ] optical designers. [ ] seems to have the optical design and fabrication well under control. [ ] feels that some of [ ] design procedures are old-fashioned, but they seem to come up with the right answers. He was surprised that they were using some FK-50 type glass to cut the secondary spectrum; [ ] has not had much luck with this type glass in the past. [ ] said he was somewhat worried about how they would accomplish the 3 layer coatings that many of the elements will require. He was relieved when he was informed that [ ] will do the coatings, since he considers [ ] the best in the world for coatings. [ ] visited 3 of [ ] plants. He found the facilities to be old but the people seemed very competent. He thought that the program might slip a little but he felt we should not be too concerned because we are getting some excellent work accomplished. He further stated that he thinks highly of [ ] capabilities and to get this same job done would cost 5 times as much anywhere else. He feels that [ ] is making great advancements in the manufacture of optics and will probably become the world leader in the next few years. [ ] also stated that he was very impressed with [ ] capabilities and ability to handle the [ ] people.

2. [ ] telephoned [ ] on 17 December and passed on the following information: In general things had gone pretty well during his visit to [ ] He felt that [ ] was falling behind in their mechanical schedule and so stated to them. He estimates that they may be 6 weeks behind in this area. He has instructed [ ] to review their production control for the mechanical work and provide him with schedule information by the end of December 1968. [ ] has rejected some of the glass blanks that have been delivered. There is about a 1-month waiting period for these replacement glass blanks. There are 4 of [ ] plants working on our job. [ ] visited the [ ] plant and they are on schedule and doing an

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excellent job on the illumination system. Approximately 25% of the effort in two of their plants is on our job. He considers the plant that is doing the mechanical work to be the bottleneck for the entire schedule.



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For info. & return

1-3 John:

Hand was restating a need for PERT type reporting on this and other key contracts. Such a chart would be helpful in this situation to illustrate whether or not the delays mentioned will hurt the overall effort. Do you have such a chart for this contract? a

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